

FDA ISSUES ADVISORY ON RAPID TESTING KITS

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The Directorate of Food and Drugs Administration has informed the general public and Chemist and druggists in particular, that the rapid diagnostic kits which are approved by ICMR and DCGI only are to be used. These kits are to be used by the laboratories which are recognized by ICMR.

Further, they have informed that these kits cannot be sold to individuals for home testing. Many such kits are advertised online for sale, FDA has pointed.

The FDA has issued the clarification as it has come to their notice that some videos and messages on 'Abehek Rapid Diagnostic Kit" are being circulated on social media, wherein Corona rapid home test kit are said to be available in all medical shops.

The Chemist and Druggists are directed to take a note if the same and any violation will attract strict action as per the provisions of the law.

The public are advised not to fall prey to such advertisement and note that the Corona testing is necessarily to be carried out at only the ICMR approved Government or Private testing lab, who are required to enter the result of the tests in the ICMR portal.

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